

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 have been cancelled without prejudice, and new claims 21-33 have been added. Thus, claims 16-33 are pending in the present application. Favorable reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

1. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4, 6, and 8-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,887,148 to Mu (hereafter “*Mu*”) for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. Applicant respectfully traverses.

While Applicant disagrees with the rejection of claims 1-4, 6, and 8-14, these claims have been cancelled to further the prosecution of the present application. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-4, 6, and 8-14 is moot, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

2. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 5 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Mu* in view of the article by Hunadi et al. for the reasons set forth on pages 3-4 of the Office Action. Applicant respectfully traverses.

While Applicant disagrees with the rejection of claims 5 and 15, these claims have been cancelled to further the prosecution of the present application. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 5 and 15 is moot, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

3. Allowable Subject Matter and New Claims

The Office Action indicated that claims 16-20 are allowed. New claims 17-33 are supported by the specification and claims of the present application.

In particular, new dependent claims 21-25 similarly correspond to original claims 2-4, 6, and 11, respectively. New claim 26 is similar to original claim 17 rewritten in independent form. New dependent claims 27-29 similarly correspond to original claims 18-20, respectively. New dependent claims 30-33 similarly correspond to original claims 2, 4, 6, and 11, respectively.

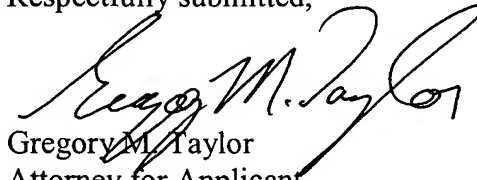
Accordingly, new claims 17-33 also present patentable subject matter and should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims. In the event there remains any impediment to allowance of the application, which could be clarified in a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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